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SYSTEM FOR THE PRODUCTION OF HIGH-) Art Unit: 1754
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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Official Action mailed October 27, 2005. The mailing date of this document is within the three-month statutorily shortened period for response. No fees are due.

Applicants respectfully request that the application be reconsidered in light of the following.

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